KPSAA Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2026

10am-2pm

Warehouse Conference Room

139 E Park Ave

1. **Call to Order:** President Settlemyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Jesse Settlemyer, Tracy Smith, Megan Smith, Vaughn Dosko, Tim Daugharty, Tabitha Blades, Jenna Fabian, Heidi Stokes, Shonia Werner. Tyler Krekling attended virtually

Members Absent: None

Name	Title	Role/Location
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2027)	President / Kenai Central
Tracy Smith	Activities Representative (2028)	Vice-President / Soldotna
Megan Smith	Parent Representative (2029)	Secretary / Kenai Middle
Vaughn Dosko	Executive Secretary	Principal Kenai Middle
Tim Daugharty	Board of Education Representative	Member
Tabitha Blades	Secondary Administrator (2028)	Member / Soldotna
Jenna Fabian	Elementary School Rep (2027)	Member / Nik North Star
Tyler Krekling	Middle School Representative (2027)	Member / Homer Middle
Heidi Stokes	K-12 Representative (2028)	Member / Chapman
Shonia Werner	Representative at Large (2028)	Member / Skyview Middle
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Administrative

- Guest Attendees:

3. **Approval of April 14, 2026 Work Session Minutes**
   Motion: Shonia
   Second: Tracy
   Motion carried, unanimous consent

4. **Approval of April 14, 2026 General Meeting Minutes**
   Motion: Tracy
   Second: Shonia
   Motion carried, unanimous consent

5. **Approval of April 14, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes**
   Motion: Shonia
   Second: Tracy
   Motion carried, unanimous consent

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6. **Approval of September 24, 2026 Executive Meeting Agenda with Flexibility**
Added Discussion Item I, Middle School A Team / B Team Historical Determination
Motion: Megan
Second: Tracy
Motion carried, unanimous consent

7. **Public Comment** (Guests addressing the board are allowed 10 minutes)

8. **Executive Secretary Report/Communications**

A. Approval of various summer and fall camps
B. Co-op waiver approved by ASAA for SOHI Swim/Dive to join KCHS
C. Small School Basketball Tournament moved from Ninilchik to Chapman
D. Approval for Nikolaevsk Charter School to play with Chapman until programs start
E. Approval for Nikiski to start Varsity Volleyball game at 1:00pm prior to Homecoming game
F. Denied Cook Inlet Academy request to join Middle School Soccer Borough Tournament
G. ASAA / Region III Updates

Mr. Dosko reported with the help and guidance of Mr. Daugharty, the KPSAA approved language proposals were adopted in full by the school board. Mr. Dosko reported the End of Season Analysis with HR, the discussion and advocacy involved. Mr. Dosko noted the unique nature of the Executive Director of ASAA granting the waiver for SOHI to swim under the colors and banner of KCHS. We typically only see co-ops with team sports, not individual sports like swimming. Mr. Dosko shared the possibility of Ninilchik and Nikolaevsk doing a Co-op for Basketball. Mr. Dosko shared some of the topics at the recent Region III meeting. ASAA is allowing Nordic Ski to be Co-ops for small schools so they can combine for relays. Kenai and Seward is moving up except for Division I and Division II sports, but Kenai not moving up in Basketball starting 2027-28. Seward will be 3A except for Volleyball which they've already opted up. 9-man Football discussion involved hoping ASAA would sanction it and take over the scheduling, playoff and championship games. Football realignment is being looked at again. Done more my committee and competitive balance than enrollment. ASD has many MOAs with private schools and is looking to do away with them.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Eligibility Transfer Language Changed by School Board (*enclosure*)

- How are hardship transfers identified? (Mr. Daugharty)
Mr. Dosko shared the background involving brick & mortar students who are failing just before an eligibility check and withdraws to homeschool. The school board adopted new language at their August meeting to address this and is provided to this board.
Mr. Daugharty shared his concern about the amount of work principals and ADs do when

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students transfer schools. His thought is maybe KPSAA should be the sounding board for these hardship transfers instead of having the principal sign off on sending the waiver to ASAA for final determination. Mr. Dosko noted all waivers should come through him as the KPSAA Executive Secretary prior to going to ASAA. Most recently, waivers are submitted through Big Teams which means he is not reviewing the waivers before ASAA receives them. He noted it is growing and getting bigger with ASAA delegating the schools to determine intent. Mr. Settlemyer shared he is seeing more of the out of area waivers with the homeschool population. ASAA is beginning to enforce the geographic residence as the boundary where students will participate.

B. Non-KPBSD MOA with IDEA for Athletics Renewal for 2026-27

(*enclosure*) Mr. Dosko shared the time and effort under the direction of Superintendent Holland involving collecting the data for this issue. Mr. Dosko will send the breakdown of the data to the board members. Most likely the numbers presented were not fully reflected of actual IDEA participants since the funds were depleted before spring sports and schools stopped submitting reimbursement requests. Mr. Dosko recognizes the difficulty and work involved at the school level with the reimbursement process. Board members questioned why there Is no mention of additional funds when the $30,000 runs out. Mr. Dosko will continue to work with district administration to get the burden off of the schools.

C. Flag Football Proposal from SOHI

Mrs. Blades shared with the board ASAA reached out to her two years ago about starting a Flag Football program on the Peninsula. She began by word of mouth, and the interest level was very supportive, except from the Volleyball community. The national trend is massive and increasing annually, including a new Olympic sport. She also noted there are several girls that are not in any fall sport. Her desire is to operate as a Club using a school stipend this spring with the goal of having a sanctioned sport starting the fall of 2027. There is grant money available to assist with funding. The hope is to have another Peninsula team as well. Mr. Dosko tasked Mrs. Blades to email the other high schools and inform them of the direction she is heading and encourage them to explore the idea, including the Co-op option. The board discussed the proposal and were supportive of the idea moving forward.

D. Nikolaevsk Charter School: Mixed-6 Volleyball, Basketball

Mr. Dosko shared the approval to move forward with Mix-6 Volleyball with the plan they presented. They are working with ASAA in becoming a member school as well as joining Region II to enter competition. Niko is also wanting to start Boys Basketball and Mr. Dosko suggested they explore a Co-op with Ninilchik. Mr. Dosko also briefly explained Nikolaevsk is now operating as a charter school and what that funding component looks like from that

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perspective.

E. Middle School Appendix A-Part 1 Update (*enclosure*)

- Update language to match the High School Appendix A

The board discussed replacing the Middle School Appendix A with the same version in the High School handbook. Megan will work with Mary to make the update compliant with middle school policies.

F. Middle School Language to follow ASAA for Home School Students

- Participate at the school based on student's residential address

Mr. Dosko shared homeschool students wishing to participate at a middle school activity needs to be at the school where they reside. The board agrees it is time to get the homeschool parents educated at the middle school level and should follow the high school policy. Ms. Fabian suggested adding the discussion of homeschool students in our activities to admin meetings.

G. Adding High School DDF to Appendix A & Appendix D-Staffing Guidelines (*enclosures*)

1. Minimum for a Coach
2. Cheer Assistant Coach numbers

The board reviewed DDF, adding it to Appendix A and Appendix D the Staffing Guidelines, and noted the current DDF stipend is a Range 7.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Blades brought the topic of adding as assistant coach to Cheer and what number would warrant the first assistant. Mrs. Blades suggested the board consider adding a JV/Assistant Coach above 16 girls. She shared what that would look like in terms of possibly having a JV Cheer squad as well as movement between the two squads. The board discussed the safety component of that volume of cheerleaders and decided to propose adding an assistant at 16 participants.

H. Schools Deciding to Not Participate in a Scheduled Event or Tournament

Mr. Dosko shared incidents where a school decides not to attend and participate in a scheduled event or tournament. He spoke about ASAA charging fines to schools that do not fulfill their contract and not show up. He asks if this is language the board should adopt as a penalty to the school program for not participating in a regional or borough event they are scheduled for? The board noted it is HR that governs the stipends and sanctioning the coach is not an action for this board. The discussion specifically focused on existing language in the middle and high school handbooks and developing language to include Regional and

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qualifying State Tournaments. The board would also like to see the language included in the Coach's Responsibilities. The board also discussed if there should be any type of penalty or sanction to the school program or coach for failing to participate as scheduled. Mary will amend the sections and include the language and placement at the November meeting.

I. Middle School Basketball A Team / B Team Historical Determination

Mr. Dosko shared the communication coming from HR asking why schools with larger participation had some sports with two A teams and some schools don't. He explained the need to balance the talent level, like an equalizing effect. It also allowed more kids at schools with higher participation the opportunity to play. It changed over time to an 8th grade A team and a 7th grade A team, with some schools having a combined 7th/8th B team. HR is looking for criteria or what is the approval process that establishes when a school receives a second A team stipend. This board should develop clarifying language for middle schools. The language should be general and pertaining to all sports and schools. Mr. Dosko suggested the middle school principals should weigh in to going back to selecting two even teams.

10. ACTION ITEMS – For Board Adoption

A. None

11. Board Comments

Mr. Krekling would like to look into girls soccer playing each team twice to get enough games. Currently it's not equitable to what the boys are playing for paying the same fee. Mr. Dosko said the fix will come in the spring when middle school principals create the schedule.

Ms. Stokes spoke about communication with Ninilchik reaching out to her about hosting the Small Schools Basketball tournament instead of Ninilchik due to the lack of space. Mr. Dosko reiterated that this is not something Chapman has to do. He explained if she is okay with hosting this year, then Ninilchik would return to the rotation and host next year.

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

13. Adjournment

President Settlemyer adjourned the meeting at 1:36pm

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